GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1991
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2003
LIBERALIZED PENSION SCHEME FOR RETIRED EMPLOYEE
SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the petition committee of Lok Sabha in their first report submitted to the Lok Sabha in 16th March, 2002 in response to a petition from a retired officer of the Coal India Limited recommended that the said employees should be given option to switch over to liberalized pension scheme;

(b) whether it is also fact that the Lok Sabha Petition Committee in their report to the Lok Sabha submitted on 26th August, 2002 after consideration of action taken report of the Government further recommended that in terms of Presidential order dated 16.8.1965.the erstwhile employees of Coal Production and Development Commissioner(CPDC) should not be deprived of facility of liberalized pension scheme and other related benefits after they transfer to NCDC and then to CIL; and

(c) if so, the action the Government propose to take for implementation of the said recommendations ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a):Yes, sir.

(b): Yes, sir.

(c): This Ministry had consulted Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, which is the administrative Ministry for implementation of the Pension Scheme for the Government servants. Recommendations of the Committee were examined in Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare and in view of the extant rules/guidelines, that Department arrived at the conclusion that it was not possible to implement recommendations of Lok Sabha Petition Committee.A detailed response on the observations/recommendations made by the Committee on Petitions has already been sent to Lok Sabha Secretariat with the approval of Minister of Coal and Mines.